

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 445

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Boyce Smith on his receipt of the Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Boyce Smith is one such admirable public servant who was recently honored with the 2013 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount; and

WHEREAS, first instituted in 2000, the Community Leadership Award recognizes individuals whose sustained actions and leadership reflect the commitment to life-long service that is promoted by Leadership Blount; and

WHEREAS, an active Blount County community member, Boyce Smith has served on the Boards of Blount County Adult Education, Blount County Education Association, Experience Your Smokies, Blount County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Blount County, Leadership Blount, Blount County Boys & Girls Club, and Blount County Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Leadership Blount Class of 2000, Mr. Smith currently serves on the Board of the Richard Williams Academy, Blount County Heritage Center, University of Tennessee Retail & Hospitality, Blount County Tourism Authority, Blount County Drug Court Foundation, and Foothills Fall Festival and as a mentor for TN Achieves; and

WHEREAS, Boyce Smith has been honored and recognized by his community a number of times for his many contributions to Blount County; he was named Business Person of the Year in 2001 for the Boys & Girls Club and has been honored with the 2009 Pride of Tennessee Award by the Blount County Government, the 2006 Blount County Hero Award from the

American Red Cross, the Prevention Innovations Award in 2011 from the Community Health Initiative, and the Super Center Wal-mart Business of the Year in 2004 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, throughout his local charitable, civic, and religious sectors, Mr. Smith has taken on multiple leadership roles. An employee of Wal-mart for the past thirty years, he has spent the last eighteen years as General Manager in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-five-year member of Rotary International, Boyce Smith is the devoted husband of Beth Smith and the proud father of two sons; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like Mr. Smith who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Boyce Smith upon his receipt of the Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service, and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.